

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claims 7 and 8 comprise allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action. In this Response, claims 1, 11, 12 and 38 are amended, and new claim 39 is added. No new matter is introduced by the amendments. Please cancel claims 7 and 8, without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 9-20, 38 and 39 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and remarks made herein.

I. Claim Objections

Examiner is thanked for renumbering, to claim 38, the newly added claim in Applicant's amendment filed on June 15, 2006.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 38 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,266,116, issued to *Ohta et al.* (hereinafter "*Ohta*").

With respect to amended claim 38, Applicants respectfully submit that *Ohta* does not anticipate this claim because *Ohta* does not disclose "wherein an outermost electrode of the first pixel electrode, the pixel signal line and an outermost electrode of the second pixel electrode join together to form a trapezoid shape."

In *Ohta*, FIG. 21, as relied upon by Examiner in rejecting claim 38, shows a thin film transistor (TFT), common electrodes (CT), common signal line (CL), pixel electrode (PX), and a pixel signal line (labeled "PL" in the Office Action, on page 4) that overlaps a portion of a common electrode (CT) and a portion of the common signal line (CL). This does not teach or suggest "wherein an outermost electrode of the first pixel electrode, the pixel signal line and an outermost electrode of the second pixel electrode join together to form a trapezoid shape," as recited in amended claim 38. Therefore, for at least the above reasons, *Ohta* does not anticipate claim 38.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5, 9-12, 14 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ohta* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,201,273, issued to *Lee et al.* (hereinafter "*Lee*"), for the reasons set forth on pages 5-10 of the Office Action. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ohta* and *Lee* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,806,930, issued to *Moia*, for the reasons set forth on page 9 of the Office Action. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ohta* and *Lee* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0040647 to *Song et al.* for the reasons set forth on pages 9-10 of the Office Action.

In this Response, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 7 and 8. Since the Office Action indicates that claims 7 and 8 comprise allowable subject matter, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that inasmuch as claims 2, 3, 5 and 9-20 are dependent on claim 1, and claim 1 is patentable and non-obvious over the cited references, claims 2, 3, 5 and 9-20 are patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim. Withdrawal of the instant rejections is respectfully requested.

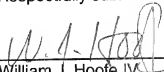
In view of the foregoing, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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